

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS WE, T. WILLIAM HUTCHENS, of Houston, Texas, a citizen of the United States of America; and TAI-TUNG YIP, of Houston, Texas, a citizen of Hong Kong and a resident of the United States of America have invented several new and useful improvements in METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR DESORPTION AND IONIZATION OF ANALYTES for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States based thereon, executing the Declaration therefor on the 28th day of May, 1993, and

WHEREAS BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE duly organized under the laws of the State of Texas, and having a place of business at One Baylor Plaza, Houston, Texas 77030, is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;

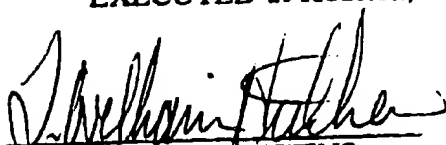
NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR to us in hand paid, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we agree to and do hereby sell, assign and transfer to said Baylor College of Medicine, its successors and assigns, all our right, title, and interest throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto, in and to said application and the invention disclosed therein, including divisional, continuation or reissue applications based in whole or in part on said United States application or in whole or in part on said invention, and any foreign applications based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States applications or in whole or in part on said invention, and all patents (including extensions thereof) of any

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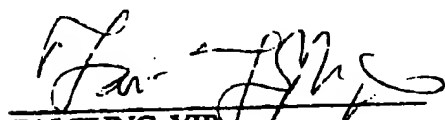
country which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said invention or any part thereof;

AND we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States applications or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said Baylor College of Medicine.

EXECUTED at Houston, Texas on the dates indicated below.

  
T. WILLIAM HUTCHENS

May 28, 1993  
DATE OF SIGNING

  
TAI-TUNG YIP

May 28, 1993  
DATE OF SIGNING

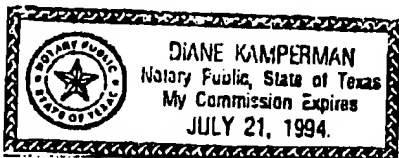
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COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared T. WILLIAM HUTCHENS, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 28th day of May, 1993.



  
Notary Public in and for  
the State of Texas

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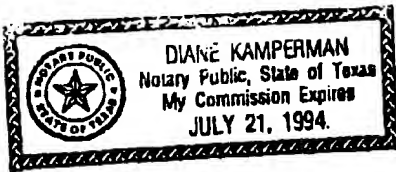
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared TAI-TUNG YIP, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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Diane Kamperman  
Notary Public in and for  
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